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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: LOS: 200-MILE FISHERY ZONE

1. SUMMARY. WHILE JAPANESE FISHING INDUSTRY AND GOJ NOT  
LIKELY TO CHANGE FORMAL OPPOSITION TO 200-MILE ECONOMIC  
ZONE BEFORE GENEVA, BOTH CAN LIVE WITH LOS TREATY THAT  
GUARANTEES FULL UTILIZATION, PRINCIPLE AND CONTINUED  
ACCESS TO TRADITIONAL NORTH PACIFIC FISHING GROUNDS.  
END SUMMARY.

2. FOLLOWING UP JAN 18 ASAHI REPORT THAT JAPAN FISHERIES  
ASSOCIATION MAY BE ABOUT TO ABANDON SUPPORT FOR PRINCIPLE  
OF FREEDOM OF HIGH SEAS FISHING AND ACCEPT 200-MILE COASTAL  
STATE ECONOMIC JURISDICTION, EMBOFF CALLED ON FISHERIES  
AGENCY OCEANIC FISHERIES BUREAU COUNCILLOR YONEZAWA JAN 21.  
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YONEZAWA SAID ARTICLE HAD MISINTERPRETED PRESS BRIEFING

BY ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT FUJITA. FUJITA HAS MADE IT CLEAR TO YONEZAWA THAT WHILE NOT ABOUT TO MAKE FORMAL POLICY SHIFT, ASSOCIATION IS CONSIDERING BEST WAY TO MAINTAIN TRADITIONAL NORTH PACIFIC FISHERIES IN POST-LOS ERA THAT MOST (INDUSTRY AND GOJ EXPERTS) BELIEVE WILL INEVITABLY INCLUDE FORM OF 200-MILE COASTAL STATE ECONOMIC JURISDICTION.

3. YONEZAWA SAID GOJ IS UNLIKELY TO CHANGE ON RECORD OPPOSITION TO 200-MILE CONCEPT BEFORE GENEVA. HE NOTED THAT SOME EUROPEAN COUNTRIES STILL LUKEWARM TO EXPANDED COASTAL STATE FISHERY ZONE, SOME SOUTH AMERICAN COUNTRIES WANT PATRIMONIAL SEA, AND CANADA AND OTHERS APPEAR TO WANT 200-MILE FISHERY ZONE WITHOUT FULL UTILIZATION PRINCIPLE SPELLED OUT. CONSEQUENTLY, AS BARGAINING POSITION GOJ LIKELY AT GENEVA SIMPLY TO NOTE THAT IT "HAS BEEN OPPOSED" TO LIMITATION OF FREEDOM OF HIGH SEAS FISHING. IN SEPARATE CONVERSATION, KUROKOCHI, DIRECTOR FONOFF LOS OFFICE, ALSO NOTED THAT AT CARACAS JAPAN HAD MERELY REPEATED ITS PRINCIPLE IN LOW-KEY FASHION.

4. YONEZAWA SAID 200-MILE LEGAL CONSTRUCT IS NOT ABSOLUTELY ABHORRENT TO GOJ AND FISHING INDUSTRY IF LOS CONVENTION FISHERIES ARTICLE DOES NOT LEGALLY UNDERCUT JAPANESE ACCESS TO TRADITIONAL NORTH PACIFIC FISHING GROUNDS. SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE (SOUTH AMERICA AND AFRICAN) GROUNDS ARE FAR AWAY AND DO NOT APPEAR RICH. WITH OR WITHOUT LOS, GOJ AND INDUSTRY AGREE DEVELOPMENT OF GROUNDS OFF DEVELOPING STATES WILL REQUIRE SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS WITH THESE STATES.  
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